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FOREIGN-LANGUAGE REFERENCES

A concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference not in the English language follows:

Japanese Patent No. 2002130510A: This patent purports to disclose to provide an electromagnetic drive valve which reduces the consuming power while suppressing an increase of outer dimensions reasonably.

The electromagnetic drive valve is provided with electromagnets 21 and 22 which have an electromagnetic coil 31 and a core 32, in order to drive a valve body 23 to open or close by applying an electromagnetic force to an armature 26 with the electromagnets 21 and 22. In the core 32 of the electromagnets 21 and 22, a permanent magnet 38 whose dimension is larger than the inside diameter of the electromagnetic coil 31 and smaller than the outside diameter of the electromagnetic coil 31, and which is magnetized so that the surface of the electromagnetic coil 31 side and the opposite side surface provide different magnetic poles, is located with the both end sections facing the electromagnetic coil 31. In the core 32, a gap 39 which continues from the both end sections of the permanent magnet 38 to the outside diameter of the electromagnetic coil 31.

Paragraphs 43 and 45 describe bay shaped permanent magnet 51 and bent magnet 56, each touted as having the advantage that the shape allows for increased surface area on the magnet, thereby increasing the magnetic assist provided by the permanent magnet to the field created by coil 31. This increases the overall efficiency of the system. Paragraph 37 describes permanent magnet 38 as having the same advantage of increased surface area and magnetic assist, since it also extends past the

internal diameter of coil 31, without a need for the height of core 32 to be increased (to allow for downward extension of the magnet).

Paragraph 40 describes connection portion 48, which allows core 46 to be formed of an integral construction. The other embodiments appear to show inner and outer cores 32, 33 constructed as separate structures. Paragraphs 30 and 31 describe cavity 39 as formed immediately below coil 31, such that all magnetic field lines from coil 31 pass through permanent magnet 38, and none pass through cavity 39, which has a low magnetic permeability. Cavity 39 is constructed to extend horizontally from each end of magnet 38 to the outer diameter of coil 31, also preventing magnetic field created by the coil from passing through cavity 39. Through this shape and position of cavity 39, the pulling power of permanent magnet 38 and coil 31 is increased.

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